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THE
PILLAR

TOIL A BLESSING

The toil of brain, or heart, or hand,
Is man's appointed lot;
He who God's call can understand
Will work and murmur not.
Toil is no thorny crown of pain,
Bound round man's brow for sin;
True souls, from it, all strength may gain,
High manliness may win.

O God! who workest hitherto,
Working in all we see,
Fain would we be, and bear, and do,
As best it pleaseth thee.
Where'er thou sendest we will go,
Nor any questions ask,
And that thou biddest we will do,
Whatever be the task.

Our skill of hand, and strength of limb,
Are not our own, but thine;
We link them to the work of Him
Who made all life divine.
Our brother-friend, thy holy Son,
Shared all our lot and strife;
And nobly will our work be done
If molded by His life.

—Thomas W. Freckelton.

THE
TRUTH

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

1 TIM. 3:15

"But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile," Rom. 2:10.

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Question Box

The Editor

Question: Please explain Matthew 24: 15. What is meant by "the abomination of desolation"?—J. D. L.

Answer: This is merely another name for the antichrist or beast which shall come into power in the last days. The quotation is from Daniel 12:11, "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days." The antichrist is to sit in the temple of God showing himself that he is God. He takes charge of the temple worship and reigns for an allotted time. This is the little horn of Daniel 7 and 8; the prince that shall come of Daniel 9:26; the king of Daniel 11:36-45; the abomination of Daniel 12:11 and Matthew 24: 15; the man of sin of 2 Thessalonians 2:4, 8, and the beast of Revelation 13:4, 10. A close study will disclose that each of these refer to the same character.

Question: Please explain James 5:14 and 2 Peter 5:5. Is an elder a preacher and is no one supposed to lay hands on the sick and anoint them except an elder?—A. L.

Answer: In the Old Testament the word "elder" comes from the word translated "presbyter" and means older. In early times books were scarce and the aged of the tribes were the depositories of tradition of by-gone generations. The old men had the most experience with the heads of large families over whom they had supreme authority. Great reverence was paid to these aged. In the New Testament the word "elder" became an official title but only as those who were already older were ordained to fill the position. Thus, a minister should be an elder but all elders were not ministers. Elder is the opposite to novice, and through respect should be called to pray for the sick.

This does not mean that no one else should pray for the sick else this scripture would not harmonize with Mark 16 which provides healing by the laying on of hands of the believers.

The scripture in question was given as advice in a local congregation rather than general though it appears in a general epistle.

EXPLANATION

There was no Evangel Christmas week, so do not be alarmed at not having received one.—Ed.

No one can do a more important thing than to do his duty.

THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DONATES \$2,777.77 TO OUR ORPHANAGE

Immediately after arriving in Cleveland and taking over the work as chairman of the Orphanage Committee, I found that my predecessor, Rev. E. L. Simmons, was still at work just as wholeheartedly as he had been doing the tenure of his office.

For some time prior to the 1941 Assembly, he and his committee had outlined plans for a solicitation campaign in this city for the Orphanage, and, of course, when I was informed of this I insisted that Brother Simmons continue as chairman of the solicitation committee,

"We have started out rather slow and speaking low, but the interest in the Evangel subscription campaign is rising higher and striking fire. We have a faithful, loyal, cooperative, efficient, hardworking group of ministers in this state. You will be hearing from us."

—M. P. Cross, overseer of South Carolina.

which was composed of Rev. F. R. Harrawood, Rev. R. Huff, C. J. Eller, former superintendent of the Boys' Home, and himself, to the completion of this very worthy project. This he very graciously did.

Preparation was made to entertain the three outstanding civic clubs at the Boys' Home and when the time came, Mr. Wallace Jacob, President of the Kiwanis; Mr. Earl McCowan, President of the Rotary; and Mr. Hugh Calloway, President of the Lions Club, were there with a good

representation from their respective clubs and seemed to enjoy greatly the good meals and entertainment that was prepared for them by our superintendent and matrons of the Home.

They not only expressed in words appreciation and high commendation for the work that is being done for the orphans by the Church of God, but each group gave a check to prove that they were interested in the further support of the Home. Not only that, but the members of these clubs, at a later date, received the solicitation committee in their places of business and responded with very substantial donations.

The Banner, our local daily newspaper, is not to be forgotten for the writeups that were given boosting the campaign.

To convince you that the campaign was a success, I have but to call your attention to the caption of this article, "The City of Cleveland Donates \$2,777.77 to our Orphanage."

The present committee is very grateful to the solicitation committee and all those who contributed, thereby making an investment in one of the greatest humanitarian efforts in the world.—J. D. Bright, Chairman of the Church of God Orphanage Committee.

NOTICES

Change of address of ministers and workers:

C. C. Rains—1029 E. Willetta St., Phoenix, Ariz.

Robert J. Johnson, Florida State Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent—Box 1643, Lakeland, Fla.

Never write a person who reads between the lines unless you just write one line.



A New Year's Motto

We anticipate a great year for our state, and make a New Year resolution to the Evangel, "Gaining new subscribers and keeping the old ones."

Guess Who!

Past, Present, Future

A NEW YEAR'S SERMON FOR 1942

By Rev. E. E. Winters

There are three great factors in a successful life. First, retrospection—the act of meditating upon things past. Second, introspection—the act or process of examining one's own thoughts or feelings. Third, prospection—the act of looking for and into the future.



Past, present, future. A wise man makes the past an asset to the present and the future. His experiences, the accumulation of knowledge, the increase of wisdom brought about by successes and reverses or failures should constitute resources with which to face the battles ahead.

Another year has passed away! Its days, its hours have been all swallowed in the vast abyss of the infinite past. That year has gone forever like a tale that is told, like a passing thought, like a sigh that is gently breathed forth, and is soon over. Its transactions belong now to the province of history. Memory may recall them, and by her magic power cause their pictured resemblances to rise before us, but never again can they be living events.

We have a power over the past which we have not over the future, and the past sways us as the future cannot sway. We may, in fancy, live over again our past existence; while the utmost stretch of fancy cannot reach into the secret lurking places of "coming events." Each succeeding year brings forth much joy and blessing, and something of sorrow and suffering. As the old year fades into the new it carries with it many happy memories and some sad regrets.

The year now passed has witnessed the greatest disasters and upheavals in the annals of history. War with all its horrors now enveloping the whole world. America, Britain, China and their allies against Germany, Italy, and Japan; a general distress of nations with perplexity. But it has witnessed many signs of a spiritual awakening among the peoples of earth. The Church of God has witnessed great revivals over widespread areas during the past years. The reports have told of altars lined with earnest seekers, churches and missions crowded with people, spiritual awakenings frequent and effective.

At the beginning of a new year, it is proper to look over the past and to inquire, as we form our plans for the future, what is the purpose for which God has placed us in the world? We trusted God during the past year. We will trust Him for the new year to come. "Thou hast been our help, therefore under the shadow of Thy wing will we trust."

We have the faculty of memory by which we may recall, but no faculty with which man is endowed will, of itself, enable him to foresee. The past has a stronghold upon us. It is acquainted with our ways, with all our secret thoughts. It holds the records of our doings, good or bad. It can touch the springs of conscience, and kindle the fires of remorse. It is fraught with a testimony that affects our character and peace. The future can affect us only when faith enlightens our vision, and when in its light the voice of the past speaks cheerfully, or with bitter reproach and condemnation. The past can teach us. In order to be instructed by the future we need the light of revelation. "Search me, O God, and see if there be within me any wicked ways." Man's inner condition must determine his ability to face the future. Then, too, if we spend our entire time looking backward or inward without applying the past and present to the future we must fail.

Christianity has a forward look. We are enjoined as Christians to forget the past and to center our attention upon that which is before us. The past is gone forever. It is in the hands of a wise and just God. Some of the things we judge to have been successful may prove to be failures; and some of our apparent failures may reveal rich fruitage of golden grain. We shall be judged in that great day, not by what may be regarded as outward success, but by the faithfulness with which we have served the Lord. Whether success or failure, whether joy or sorrow, let us put the past all under the blood and face the future with fresh courage and faith in the leadership of Christ Jesus.

In the face of the dark clouds of war and trouble we should lay plans for greater things and announce new advances for our Christ. Some of us may look ahead with fear. Troubles are ahead of us. Loss, disappointment and grief cast their shadows on us, but God, who has been our help in days past, will be our hope for the days which are ahead of us.

Evangelism must be our watchword for the coming year. If ever the world needed the spiritual ministries of the Church, this coming will offer the greatest opportunity. What will be our worth to a suffering people this coming year?

This is no time to talk of retrenchment. It is time for courage, faith, optimism, and enlarged spiritual vision. It is the time of harvest. The fields are already white unto the harvest; the sheaves are ready to be garnered. It is time for the Church of God to display her greatest facilities, which are far more valuable than money—personal work, intercessory prayer, deeper and more abiding communion with Christ, firmer reliance upon the promises of God, and greater victories won through faith.

Unless all signs fail, the bustle and confusion all about us today is a cargo of human beings, being assembled for a new voyage. A ship is making ready to sail. It is time for all of us, great or small, to prepare for a venture new. Christ may come in this new year. We endeavor to cheer each other, in a world that we feel to be full of dangers and sorrows, by mutual congratulations and kind wishes for the future. I will not attempt to penetrate the future. "God knows." 1942. FUTURE.

Work at Atlantic City, N. J., Encouraging

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—We praise God for every blessing we have received. We are so glad we can say we are a child of the King and by His grace we want to go all the way with Him and make heaven our home. The Lord is so good to us; we have so much to praise and thank Him for.

We praise the Lord for sending Rev. and Mrs. Carl Hughes to Atlantic City. They have built our church up in the short time they have been here. We appreciate our good pastor and his wife. They have been a blessing to us. We have a wonderful overseer, Brother and Sister Lane. He is a real man of God.

Please pray for the Church of God in Atlantic City that it will be a soul-saving station for God's glory and that many souls will be won for Jesus. Also pray for our pastor that God will keep him and give him strength and health to carry on the good work for the Lord in Atlantic City.—Mrs. Bella Orchard and Lillian, 928 Arctic Ave.

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A CLEAN SLATE WE have just passed over another of those times when men and women, as is commonly said, "turn over a new leaf." Thousands of these do so with a pledge and determination that the record of the new year shall be far superior to that of the old one. They use a retrospective view only by way of comparison and as an incentive to make the prospective record one that will be more beneficial to themselves and to those with whom they come in contact.

It is not out of harmony with the Word of God to start the new year with "a clean slate." Nothing is said of the particular period of time that Paul made such a declaration, but he did say, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Paul certainly "wiped the slate clean." The old leaf was completely turned, not that he was ashamed of it, but that he might make the new leaf a better record and that memories of the past should not be as strings, binding or holding him from the progress which he should make toward the goal which was set before him. That same mark is set before each of us and our present would be very laborious if things of the past were tied to us. It is equally as true that "turning over a new leaf," "wiping the slate clean," or "clipping the lines of memory," which would deter us in our progress, are equally useless unless we, with great vim and courageous energy, press forward in our endeavor to make 1942 the greatest of all years in our ministry for Christ and His Church.

A NEW CONTRACT

A few days ago in a radio testimony Rev. D. L. Lemons, the overseer of the Churches of God in the State of Wisconsin, said, "I am a business man. My business is the salvation of souls. In this business I have a great Partner. In the past few days I have been going over my records to see just how I stood and I find that from a standpoint of what I have done I am badly in the red. But as I look over the balance sheet of my Partner, I find that the accomplishments which He has brought about have been so great that they have overbalanced that which I have gone in the red so that together He and I have done a fairly good business. The result of my check-up has been such as to show

the combination to be satisfactory and I am renewing my contract for another year." His testimony shows what should be the attitude of every God-called minister. The Lord is still in the contracting business and will go into partnership and co-partnership with anyone who is willing to accept the terms of His commission. The opportunities are greater than ever before because the field is ripe. The business of soul-saving should not stop because of the terrible slaughter brought about by war but this business is rather the more necessary so that regardless of one's status in life he may first know the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. The Church and its ministers should make first things first and it is the teaching of our Partner and Elder Brother that we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and that other things which are necessary will be added unto us.

THE WRONG PRAYER

RELIGIONISTS all over the country are making an appeal to the church for prayer. On the front page of the "Pentecostal Evangel," December 27 issue, there appears two cartoons. On the left Uncle Sam's finger is pointing to a soldier boy clad in uniform. Above this cartoon are the words, "A Call to Arms." On the right is a cartoon of a man kneeling at a chair while the hand of Christ is reaching out. At the top of this cartoon are the words, "A Call to Prayer." An insert in the cartoon reads, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chron. 7:14. It is altogether fitting

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS

Dig channels for the stream of love,
Where they may broadly run,
And love has overflowing streams
To fill them every one.
But if at any time thou cease
Such channels to provide,
The very founts of love to thee
Will soon be parched and dried.
For thou must share if thou wouldst keep
That good thing from above;
Ceasing to share you cease to have;
Such is the law of love.

—Selected.

that while our country is calling its subjects to arms that the Church should call its constituency to prayer. This was done by our great leader the Apostle Paul when he said in 1 Tim. 2:1, 2, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." An answer to this prayer would certainly bring about all that is desired by the democratic nations, for they seem to only be seeking those things which are for the peace and well being of all mankind. Since these things are not as yet enacted, the Church must

continue to pray. This is not a time to be "at ease in Zion." The Church should not only pray, but work, for our duty in service is as plainly shown in God's Word as is our reliance upon God for help.

In a recent Sunday morning service Rev. F. R. Harrawood, pastor of the church in North Cleveland, said, "The Church is praying the wrong prayer. This is no time to pray, 'Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep, If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take.' It would be better for us rather to pray, 'Here I get me up to work, I pray thee, Lord, I shall not shirk, If I should die before tonight, I pray thee, Lord, my work's all right.'" And this should be the true attitude of the Church, for now is the time to work. Just what will come by way of changes from the present world war we do not know, but this we do know, that we are hastening on toward a day of darkness that shall cover the earth, and which will mark the end of opportunity for real work. We are nearing the time when Jesus shall catch away those who have been faithful and who have worked hard for Him and for His cause, thus again the necessity for taking advantage of every opportunity to promote the cause of Christ. "Work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." God's blessings are upon those who work for Him.

The Revival Flame

BY L. P. ADAMS

"O Lord, revive thy work."—Hab. 3:2.

Revival is abundant life. The early Church went forth in a flame of revival fire from the upper room with the rushing sound of a mighty message in tongues of fire. The assembled multitude stood in awe, asking questions, greatly wondering! They were shocked when the message of flaming power leaped forth from the tongues of fire in the power and control of the Holy Ghost. They could hear and feel the holy flame stirring their dead souls (Ezek. 18:4) into divine life. No power in flesh could stand against it. No fleshly wisdom could explain it. No human courage could stand before it. No mental skill could interpret it. No world science could analyze it. They could not control it for it was divine, powerful, and unanswerable. It was revival! It was life more abundant! It was the Holy Ghost manifested in simple disciples who obeyed Him (Acts 5:32). Truly it was miraculous, for it was miracle in human lives. It was God's gift to the Church (Acts 1:8). They heard a sound from heaven—they saw cloven tongues. They were filled with the Holy Ghost—they spake with new tongues. The promise of the Father was fulfilled (Luke 24:50-53), and the gospel was going forth in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. The power was on, the revival flame was spreading, and the gospel net swept in three thousand souls the first day. Hallelujah!

Where is any room for argument? Why try to get by this fact? Why pass it up and make excuse? Why try a weak human explanation on it? Why be afraid of it? It is revival of divine life in human souls. It is miracle. Why wrest the scripture concerning such an event and experience? It was the gospel in power through surrendered human beings. It was God's awakening message. It was Pentecost begun—the gospel message in earnest—love, faith, wisdom, and intelligence. It aroused, awakened, and stirred men from their doctrinal stupor, pharisaical pride, and legal slumber. They faced God manifest in the power and gospel truth.

The Church (every member) was baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire as was promised. Nothing dead where there is fire. Nothing cold and formal where the fire burns. The fire gets quick attention and lasting results. It warms, comforts, and illuminates all whom it touches. The advent of the Holy Ghost was a miracle. The creation of the

Church was a miracle. These two miracles still abide in this world. Every member of the body of Christ is a "new creation"—a miracle by the power of the Holy Ghost. With such "power from on high" resting and abiding upon men in the common walk of life, the early Church challenged the forces of evil, feared no failure, expected no defeat, trusted no arm of flesh, asked the world for no sympathy, walked in and out of prison, rebuked, bound and cast out demons, brought lost men to faith in Christ, healed the sick, and the word was confirmed and believers were the more added unto the Lord.

They did not resort to human-made methods—they preached the gospel. They had proven and knew it was the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth—to the Jew first and also to the Gentile. We have that same gospel today—God's mighty Word, which is quick and powerful (Heb. 4:10-13)—and it does bring forth like results as of other days, when preached in power from on high. Nothing is out of order in heaven. Everything is still in tact. The call, the command and promise are still true. Repent and believe the gospel. Receive ye the Holy Ghost, be filled with the Spirit. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. "Ye shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses (martyrs) unto me" (Acts 1:8). This life in the Holy Spirit calls for and demands obedience and faith. With His presence comes the faith and prayer life. Through these channels are manifested the power from on high. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Acts 5:32. Rom. 5:5) so that the disciples can love one another as Christ loved them (John 13:34, 35).

*"Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
Let us thine influence prove:
Source of the old prophetic fire,
Fountain of life and love.*

*"Come, Holy Ghost—for, moved by thee,
The prophets wrote and spoke —
Unlock the truth, thyself the key:
Unseal the sacred Book.*

*"Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
Brood o'er our nature's night;
On our disordered spirits move,
And let there now be light."*

Spirituality is God lifted up in the life and self cast down, and the devil cast out, God occupying the whole house, having a key to every room in it.

CREATION THE PROOF OF A CREATOR

EARL A. CRIPPS

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."

If a person would walk up to an automobile and say, "No one made that; the engine, the rubber from India, the glass, upholstery, etc., just jumped there," people would say, "You are a fool." So God says to anyone who walks up to His universe and says, "No one made the sun, the moon, the stars, mountains, oceans, etc., they are only an accident." But the universe, like the automobile, is too perfect for that. So the only reasonable hypothesis is that someone made it.

What accident could hang a world on nothing and have the stars by gravitation hold it in its course without making one star too big and another too small and thus destroy the equilibrium and wreck it, and by the same law of gravitation keep the earth from throwing everything on its surface out into space from the centrifugal force produced by its revolving on its axis? Or what accident could plan to have the sun always at the right distance from the earth so that its inhabitants do not roast or freeze to death; and have the positions of the sun and moon make seasons, tides, etc.? Surely the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day is uttering speech, and night unto night is showing, as there is no speech or language where His voice is not heard. For no laws could be so perfect without a lawmaker.

Then consider how "fearfully and wonderfully" we are made. What accident could invent a body and have oxygen go down into the lungs and through fine tissues purify the blood as it passes through them? Or invent an eye (that is a perfect camera) with a curtain of nerves at the back of the eyeball that photographs a picture and then it is carried by the optic nerve to the brain, and so perfect is its adjustment that it can take a picture of a star millions of miles away and the next second take one from a newspaper a foot away?

Truly we can say with Job or with the psalmist, "What is man that thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that thou visitest him? Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and crowned his head with glory."

Successful Revival

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with Brother and Sister W. H. Howard and Sister E. A. Cox as evangelist. Seven were saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. Pray much for us here at Bainbridge.—Hays M. Long, pastor.

Requests

For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Lexie Pilcher, Shannon, Ga.

The healing of a friend who is very ill with cancer and wants the Holy Ghost before she has to die; her little girl to be healed of ulcers. Her address is Mrs. Girtie Wales, Rt. 1, c/o J. B. Mylone, Boaz, Ala.—Mrs. G. N. Hedgepeth, Boaz, Ala.

The healing of Brother Nathan Fountain who has been seriously hurt, he had two fingers cut off and his hand badly bruised; the healing of my body, I am having my teeth extracted and am having serious trouble with my gums.—Mrs. George Phillips, Rt. 1, Winston, Ga.

The healing of my father, he is fully trusting the Lord. His address is B. F. Sanderson, Rt. 3, Philadelphia, Miss.—Mrs. J. L. Burton, Eupora, Miss.

God to heal my husband and supply our needs, which are very great. Also pray for Steve Lee and his family.—Mrs. Ishan Hensley, Barcreek, Ky.

The healing of my sister of a growth on her right shoulder, it has taken the use of her arm. The doctor says it could be a cancer, but we know God can heal. Her address is Roseylee Edwards, 217 Hendrix Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.—Elizabeth Greenway, Rt. 1, Cartersville, Ga.

The healing of my body, I have been sick all fall and not able to do anything.—John W. Smith, Rt. 2, Vergas, Minn.

The healing of my body; my granddaughter to be healed.—Daniel Broughton, Rt. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky.

God to undertake for my husband.—

Mrs. Walter Rylee, 633 Lake St., Blytheville, Ark.

The Lord to bless and heal my eyes, I can hardly see.—R. C., East Marion, N. C.

My mother, Mrs. A. H. Peters, to be healed.—Miss Stella Peters, Baxter, Ky.

The Lord to heal my eyes, I lost my sight about four weeks ago and am just about blind. I do not know what the trouble is but I do know God can heal.—Sarah McNear, Box 188, Wabasso, Fla.

The healing of my father who is in the hospital with a broken kneecap; the healing of my mother's body and eyes; God to undertake and heal my body; my brother's body to be healed. We were in an automobile accident and are pretty badly bruised, cut and shaken up. We are thankful to the Lord that He spared our lives.—Miss Mary Martin, 1151 Corbett St., Hagerstown, Md.

Please pray a special prayer for my sister-in-law who is dying with cancer, I know God can heal.—Zora Britt, Byington, Tenn.

The healing of my body; the healing of my father's eye.—Mrs. Della Mae Harding, c/o Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

My baby to be healed. — Mrs. J. S. Cleveland, Rt. 2, Colquitt, Ga.

The healing of my head, I have a severe pain running from my head through my face into my jaw. I am losing weight.—Sister Ruth Isaacson, Box 448, Herman, Minn.

The healing of my knee, I hurt it many years ago. It hurt me last winter and has started painning me again. I am trusting God to heal it.—Mrs. Ross Hill, Box 252, Herman, Minn.

Please pray that God will heal my body and undertake for me.—Mrs. Joy Formyduval, Hallsboro, N. C.

My mother; Buck Howard to be healed.—L. C. Boatner, Rt. 2, Picayune, Miss.

My body to be healed. — Mrs. Stella Smith.

Me to be healed of neuritis of the

nerves; my wife to be healed of a tumor.—J. M. Hunt, Pinsonfork, Ky.

Sister Alice Dilbeck, Birmingham, Ala., to be healed of a stroke. She is in a serious condition.

My mother to be healed of an ulcer on her leg. Her address is Mrs. M. C. Hudson, Rt. 6, Charlotte, N. C.—Mrs. Lila Lambert, Mt. Holly, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of a heart attack.—Miss Marion Sokolenko, Rt. 1, Box 117, Kief, N. Dak.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure, cold and kidney trouble.—Mrs. Vera Hall, Frostproof, Fla.

God to restore my health and strength.—Vada Allman, Rt. 3, Madisonville, Tenn.

God to heal my son of a tumor on his neck, which has been pronounced incurable by the doctor.—Mrs. R. Y. Gregg, Rt. 2, Heflin, Ala.

My mother to be healed, she has a bad back and side and a severe cough, also bad eyesight and hearing; my body to be healed and my eyesight to be restored; my son to be healed of rupture.—Mrs. J. N. Tanner, St. George, Ga.

The Lord to heal my afflicted body of sugar diabetes, I am barely able to be up.—Mrs. Essie Glover, Rt. 1, Box 88, Sulphur Bluff, Tex.

The healing of my body. I am a boy fifteen years old. One year ago this past September a mule ran away with me and my right eye was put out and I had to quit school on account of my left eye becoming so weak. Please ask the Lord to supply me with a pair of glasses so I can finish my school. The nurses who waited on me had me an eye put in. My father is crippled and not able to work or furnish me much. Please get me on your hearts and ask God to help me.—Dorsie Bowling, Panco, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. G. C. Church, Brookwood, Ala.

Still Working and Trusting

BALDWIN, Fla.—Just a few words of praise to the Lord for the way He is blessing us at Otis, Fla. We are thankful to have Brother L. S. Williams for our pastor. The Lord is wonderfully blessing in the Sunday school and Y. P. E. We are planning to build a new church house. The Lord is blessing the efforts of the Willing Workers' Band in raising funds for the building. They have turned in \$56.87 the past few weeks. We are still working and trusting in the Lord to help us. We ask an interest in your prayers.—Mrs. A. Simmon.

Bible Training School and College Echoes

A DAY IN B. T. S.

"Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Yes, that is the spirit of Bible Training School. Wake up! Get up! The bell has rung! It's time to get up! The bell rings at 6:00 a. m. We get up, dress, clean our rooms and get in a few minutes' prayer before breakfast.

Breakfast is served at 6:30 a. m. Sitting at each table there are six girls and four boys, eating in mixed groups. This trains us to use correct etiquette and everyone is so congenial that each meal is enjoyed by all.

Classes begin at 7:30 a. m. Christian Ethics is taught the first period on Thursdays. This subject deals with Christian conduct. We feel that this is one of the most important subjects inasmuch as our Church needs more knowledge along this line. It is the desire of the school to produce ministers who can take their stand with the highest rank and feel perfectly at ease. Not only so, but why can't our people be as cultured and refined as any other group? And that is taught thoroughly in this subject.

Then the next period we study Parliamentary Law, of which every member of the Church needs a fair knowledge of procedure. Every minister will need to conduct a business meeting at some time or another, and this teaches him the proper procedure.

Our chapel program then comes at 9:30 and for forty-five minutes we shut ourselves away with the Lord, and, of course, if the Lord sees necessary, we remain longer. There have been times when our chapel period or service continued until afternoon and we welcome these precious hours, for we are made to see and understand more of the deeper workings of the Holy Spirit.

On Thursdays, our music director, Brother Carver, teaches the whole school how to conduct a choir. Several students are called on to lead a song and after the song each leader is criticized. We are deriving great benefit from this class.

From chapel we go to the Homiletics Class. Brother R. R. Walker teaches us how to prepare sermons. We learn how to interpret a text and many other needful things which will help us to be better preachers of the gospel.

Grammar is taught after Homiletics, and who is he who does not need to use good grammar?

Dinner is served! We have an hour for dinner. In this hour we can eat and then relax for a little while before classes.

And this is the hour when we receive our first mail of the day. Of course this makes many hearts glad for the good news they receive, and others are made sad and go to class with heavy hearts, but regardless of the sadness of the news there is always a group who is ready to pray until victory comes to the one who is affected.

A study of the History of the Church, which includes the "Church of God" history, is taught the first period after dinner on Thursdays. Then we assemble in the Theory and Sight-Singing Class for an hour. There is a great need in our churches for singers who know how to sing by note and this is where we learn it.

Surely one can see from this brief outline that there is a great need for each of these, and yet there is variety enough in the subjects to arouse great interest throughout every day. Of course, this schedule is not followed every day, for some subjects alternate every other day in order to give enough time to get in everything our students need.

Last but not least, is the fact that at the beginning of each class we kneel and ask the Lord to bless in that particular class. It is wonderful how the Lord is blessing in B. T. S. I praise Him for the great privilege I have of being one of the students.—Benjamin DeLay, Atlanta, Ga.

IN B. T. S.

As every individual is fully aware, we are living in perilous times. This world in which we live is in a terrible condition. On every hand there is sin and its results; distrust and deceitfulness are stalking up and down through our fair country: "The Arsenal of Democracy." It should not only be the arsenal of democracy, but it should be the arsenal of Christianity. Never before in the history of the world has there been such a vast need for workers for Him; workers who are willing to sacrifice, who are capable and well mentally equipped. They are needed to go out and combat the enemy who is going around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

There is, I am thoroughly convinced, no better institution in all the world that can adequately prepare a worker for Christ, as the Church of God Bible Training School. In the Christian Workers' Department, a zealous young person can learn tact in dealing with the unsaved one, as well as inform himself more fully of the divinely inspired Word of God. In the College Department the student's mind can become broadened and he will learn how to attain greater efficiency in

conveying the precious truth to the hungry soul. In the Music Department of the school, the talent for music can be developed. Would to God that we had more finely developed talent among the ministry of the Church! Music attracts the sinner and usually gets his mind into such a place that he will accept the gospel more readily. Every evangelist should have some knowledge of music.

As the student is increasing his knowledge and developing his talent, he is drawn closer to God; his consecration is deepened; the fire of the light within his soul is fanned so that it shines forth with brilliance in this dark, sin-benighted planet of ours.

Since I have commenced attending the Bible Training School, I have advanced in leaps and bounds, both from an intellectual and spiritual standpoint.

Attend Bible School, fellow laborer out there in the vineyard, and increase your efficiency in the propagation of this glorious gospel of Jesus Christ at least one hundred per cent. Let us fulfill Christ's commission and carry the gospel to the uttermost part of the world, but remember, be prepared before you go!—Paul S. Cook, India.

A Note From Bible Training School

Making the most out of life is the highest desire that soul could wish, and this is the desire of every boy and girl who attends B. T. S. We not only desire to get what life holds for us naturally, but spiritually as well. The student entering B. T. S. finds a much higher build-up than anyone could expect. He finds all types of courses that are required in the business world, also the highest and deepest type of Christianity that is not combined in other institutions. Every student is striving for deeper depths and higher heights, both in education and spirituality.

There is never a time when someone isn't heard praying or praising the Lord for His goodness. It is great to serve a God who hears and answers. I can truthfully say that B. T. S. is next to heaven; if heaven is any better, I don't know what I'll do.

It is wonderful to see the happy, cheerful smiles as students go to classes. The classes are always opened with prayer and sometimes the Lord blesses so that they don't get to have class. The teachers always put the Lord first in all undertakings, and the students are free to let the Lord have His way and use them at any time. All of our teachers have sal-

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A Memorial in Africa

By J. H. Walker
General Overseer

The picture to the right is the bronze tablet which will mark the final resting place of our Brother Edmund E. Stark in Angola, Africa, and is written in Portuguese, which Brother Stark was studying so hard, and he was making wonderful progress in the mastery of it before he became ill with the terrible fever that took him to his reward.

Incidentally, we are shipping the tablet on which the above epitaph is written to Rev. Duane V. Waln, 14 Beacon Street, A. B. C. F. M., Boston, Massachusetts, who is a missionary friend of Sister Stark and who has agreed to erect this memorial over the grave of Brother Stark. He will sail for Africa in March.

When I think of our warrior fallen in battle, my heart is stirred. Surely none of us will ever forget the faithful services rendered by him and his companion in far-away Africa. May this sacrifice ever inspire hundreds—yea, thousands—to a greater and more devoted life of service to the cause for which Jesus gave His life. Below is the English translation of the epitaph:

REVEREND EDMUND E. STARK

Born August 12, 1913

Went to be with Jesus

March 22, 1939

CAME TO ANGOLA A. D. 1938, AS A MINISTER
of

JESUS CHRIST

and of the

CHURCH OF GOD

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them," Revelation 14:13.

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With Headquarters at
Cleveland, Tennessee

U. S. A.

Below is a letter from Sister Stark, giving the testimony of the first convert of Brother Stark in Africa, also a short letter which she has received from him and a picture of him and his wife:

Cleveland, Tennessee
December 9, 1941

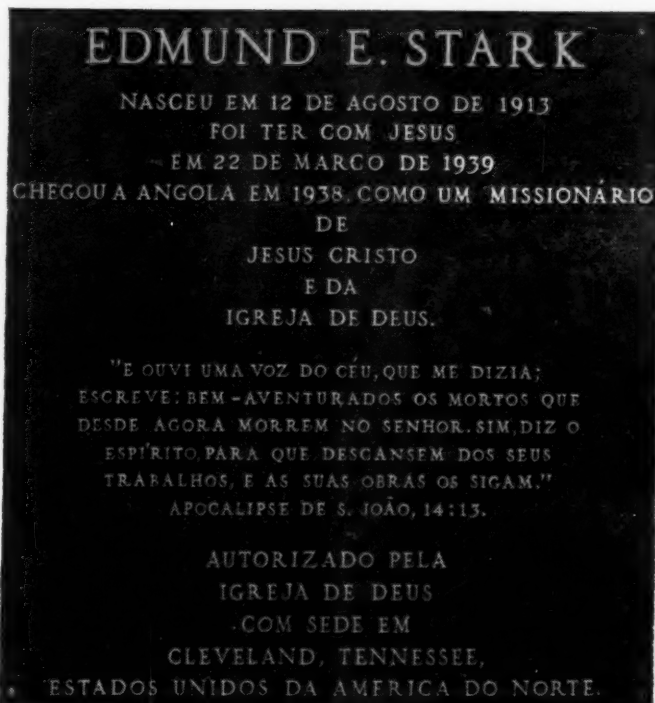
Dear Brother Walker and Mission Board,

And all my good brothers and sisters in Christ:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the kind thoughts of those who are placing this beautiful marker at the little mound of dirt in Angola, Portuguese, West Africa, where lies the temple of my dear companion and faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

My earnest prayer is that the scripture verse on this marker will be a testimony to every one who reads it and that this verse will preach a message to the hearts of those who are hungry for God in that dark land. I trust that some souls may be brought to the Lord through this wonderful promise of the Lord, in Rev. 14:13.

I have a letter from Bembua, who was Mr. Stark's first convert in Angola. It rejoices my heart to know he is still standing for the Lord. I thought you would enjoy this, too. But before you can fully appreciate the letter you should hear his testimony of how the Lord dealt with his heart after Mr. Stark's



death.

When I was getting ready to leave there, after my dear companion was gone, I called Bembua on the Saturday before, and asked him if he would be willing to stay there on the place and look after my few chickens, etc. He halfway answered "yes" and then went on about his work and I went about mine. At noon he came and said he could not stay. He was in a very great hurry to go at once and to return to his heathen village. This was so unlike Bembua. I felt it would not do to be in a hurry to answer him right then. My heart was very heavy. Since it was right at noon, I told him I could not talk with him now, but must wait until Monday. In the afternoon I earnestly prayed as the Apostle Paul instructed us to pray: "By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." I could thank the Lord for what He had already done for Bembua and ask the Lord to guide me how to deal with the present need. I prayed that if the Lord wanted Bembua to return to his village that He would make it known and let him go back to his village with victory in his soul, ready to witness for the Lord. But I realized Bembua could not read. Mr. Stark had tried hard to teach Bembua a few verses from the Word of God. It had been Mr. Stark's highest joy to hear this native repeat these verses and to hear him earnestly praying to the Lord that evening just before the Lord took Mr. Stark home to be with Jesus.

Realizing Bembua could not read and it being only a few verses that he had learned, I then began to feel something in my own soul of the fight the devil would and had put up against Bembua, this babe in Christ. He had received almost no encouragement since Mr. Stark was gone. My knowledge of the native language was very small as I had to spend most of my time studying the Portuguese language. But Mr. Stark had acquired the language much faster than I and was able to talk in their own tongue with Bembua and his people before he passed away. Since I could not do this, I could not be the help

to them that they now needed.

In the evening on that same Saturday, it was quite cold and we needed a fire in the old fireplace a little after sundown. When Mr. Stark was living he often called Bembua in the evenings to build a fire in this old fireplace. He always let him sit there by the fire for a while and they talked and studied the native language together. Also, only a few weeks before this, Bembua had helped Mr. Stark to repair the old fireplace and it was rather a sacred spot to Bembua now, for he loved Mr. Stark greatly. But now Mr. Stark, *his teacher, his friend, his father in the Lord*, the one who had brought him this blessed gospel light and good news at the cost of his life, was gone from him. No one can quite understand just how he really felt, only one who has lost *everything*.

This was the first time I had called Bembua to the house since Mr. Stark had gone. This night it so happened that I called him to bring some fire for the fireplace. I had not planned it but the Lord surely had. After Bembua had finished making the fire he just sat there on the floor gazing into the fire. It seemed once more I could see tears glistening in his eyes as the fire burned brighter and lighted the room.

The two lady missionaries from the other mission, who were there with me, Miss C. and Miss R., were sitting in the room near the fire. They looked up at me as if to say, "Why don't you tell that native to leave the room?" For a little I could only sit there and say nothing, then I told them how Bembua had helped Mr. Stark repair this old fireplace and of how he used to sit there in the evenings and talk "Umbunda" with him. Then, too, of how later in the evenings Mr. Stark would go out to the native camp near by and read from the Word to them all. Since Mr. Stark was gone, there had been no one to help them and they missed it greatly.

Not being able to speak the native language myself, it made me feel this need in Bembua's young Christian life more keenly. And needless to say, I missed Mr. Stark myself very greatly and still do, who had been so faithful to the end. Miss C. then seemed to see the need and spoke to Bembua. She began by asking him questions about the fireplace and the work that he and Mr. Stark had done there. This pleased Bembua greatly and a smile spread across his face, but still a very sad expression behind the smile could be seen as he answered, "Ah, Nala Stark and I spent many days working together on this," etc. Then Miss C. asked him other questions which made him feel freer to talk. Indeed I had guessed right. Bembua missed Mr. Stark far more than words can describe. The thought of staying there at Chitau (where we then lived), with no one there after I was gone, but he and his wife, was more than he could stand. Bembua continued, "Ah yes, Nala Stark, ah, Nala could speak Umbunda like a native and he loved us better than himself. He left his people to come to us. But now he has gone to be with Jesus, the one he loved and told us so much about."

Now here is what Bembua had to say about himself: "But I want to stay here while you are gone now." We then asked him if he had not already said at noon that he wanted to return to his heathen village? He replied in no uncertain tones, "Yes, true enough, but please, that was not me. No, no, I cannot go now. I want to stay here and do my best to take care of the things while you are gone. This noon when I came and said I would not stay but was going back, that was the devil after me. I see now the devil wanted my heart. But I cannot go back. I will stay and remember the words which Mr. Stark teach me."

This testimony from Bembua, as I have given it the best I can

remember, may help to make his short letter mean more to you as you read it. I trust after you read his letter that you will please put Bembua and his wife, Nekoti, definitely on your prayer list.

This letter was written a year ago but I have just received word from there last week that he is still standing for the Lord and that now his wife has been wonderfully saved. This only makes this letter worth more for he is still sending the same word and after another year has passed of testing and trial he writes:

December 1

"Dona Stark:

"My greetings to you. Are you well? We here are well. Two fowls (or chickens) have been caught by the wild cats, the others are all right. My wife, Nekoti, sends greetings and would like to know if you are well. Please PRAY FOR US. Please greet the Church for us. I am making progress in the faith, but please pray much for me. The words which Mr. Stark left with me I remember and I am not returning to the things of the world which are behind, but am trusting, trusting the Lord Jesus. Perhaps you, Dona, thought I would not continue but do not have any worry, I am trusting. I have a great longing to see you again, Dona. This is all. Stay well.

"I am your servant,

"Bembua."



Bembua and his wife

Needless to say such a letter as this makes me feel that "missions really pay." It was this native, Bembua, who came in and sat on the floor by Mr. Stark's bed just a few hours before the Lord called Mr. Stark home to be with Him. It was this Bembua who said in his native language, after a long silence, "Kulumbela," which means "pray." Then bowing himself over to the floor with face in his hands he began to pray. After he had finished praying, Mr. Stark looked up at me with tears in his eyes but a smile of victory on his face and said, "Dear, I am glad we came to Africa. I am glad we obeyed the Lord and left home and friends for His sake. If for only this one soul it has been worth coming to Africa. Jesus came farther than that for us." Thus we can still see that

the works of this faithful servant of Jesus Christ are still following him; he is gone from us.

By the help of the Lord I want to be as faithful in the place of service the Lord may choose to place me. Some times we can only see one step ahead and that not always clear, but the earnest prayer of my heart is, "Lord, keep me true regardless of the cost." Let me say here again that I greatly appreciate all the prayers that have been offered in my behalf and know it has been answer to prayers that has held me up many times.

Let us remember the words of the Lord found in Luke 10:2 and Matt. 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Let us not forget there are still many precious souls like Bembua who are yet in heathen darkness and who have never had the light of the gospel brought to them. Also please remember that Bembua cannot read. Pray that the Lord will reveal His truth to him and help him to read. We remember the Ethiopian said, "How can I understand except some one shall guide me?"

May God help us to guide them by earnest prayer for them and by doing our best to help send the gospel message to them. May the blessing of the Lord be yours. Trusting you all have a blessed Christmas and that the coming New Year's will be filled with rich blessings from the Lord, I am your sister in Christ.

• Reports from the Field •

Evangelism Has Reached Maine

WEST ENFIELD, Maine—We write to give news of our progress here. We still have victory and are praising God for the good way He has blessed, and for our faithful pastor, J. T. Murray, and family. A new work was started here last winter and a hall was rented for services. Since then we have secured a hall, with living quarters, at a smaller rent, and this winter it has been made very comfortable and warm. A new floor has been laid and walls and ceiling covered with thick sheathing. The credit goes to our faithful pastor and a few earnest helpers, new converts. Praise the Lord. Evangelism has reached Maine. Rev. Joel Brown was here last summer. We had a revival and God saved three souls; since then six more souls have been saved. The church was set in order in July and two new converts have united since then.

We enjoyed a visit from our Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent, Rev. Gerald Searles, last month and God surely blessed. A Y. P. E. was organized by Sister Lavina Box last August. These young people have been a blessing and have helped with their hands and finance on the church work. We thank God for them, as this is all new work to them and they have started on the way with willing hands and hearts. Our beloved state overseer and family were with us and gave us special meetings two weeks ago. We certainly profited by their help. God bless them. With such leaders as our pastor and overseer, Maine is going over the top for Jesus. May the spirit of evangelism spread until every Christian is a soul-winner.

Brother Murray's work is extending and he is now pastoring a Pentecostal church in conjunction with his church here. Two souls have been saved there, one sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. Altogether five followed the Lord in baptism. We praise God for His goodness to men.—Mrs. Alice Coffin, clerk.

Oh, how I love our dear Lord and Savior. He died that I might be free from sin. His precious blood has cleansed me from my many sins, praise His holy name, and has given me faith that I know He has healed me of sugar diabetes. I praise Him for it. I got two of my fingers caught in a car door. Our pastor and the saints fell at the altar with me and he anointed my hand and the dear Lord healed my fingers immediately. They are not one bit sore tonight. Oh, praise God for His wonderful mercy and healing

power. I can't praise Him enough. I hope when I leave this world I will be praising Him with my last breath.

Please pray for my loved ones, that they will give their hearts to God, and pray that He will heal my dear husband of rupture. He has the Holy Ghost. Our pastor, Brother H. Pugh, is a wonderful pastor and we love his dear wife.—Mrs. E. J. Newport, Weir, Kans., Rt. 1.

Carriers Mills, Ill., Has a Say

I was at my desk working when all at once I felt an urge to write to the Evangel about my people, who are some of the best in the land.

Carriers Mills is a village with a population of 2,400, located in the southern part of the state, close to the Ozark Mountain Ridge. The Church of God has been established here for twelve years. We now have sixty-six members. We have a beautiful church in the best part of town, also a nice six-room parsonage, and we owe no one. Our services are spiritual, lively, and enjoyed by all who attend. Our Y. P. E. and Sunday school are assets to our church. At the time of this writing we are leading the state in Evangel subscriptions. We enjoy working with these people because they have a mind to work. When we adopted our program for the year they went to work to carry it out. We love our state overseer, Brother H. O. Harris, and think we are fortunate in having him with us. Brother I. A. Muncy is our district overseer and is a good one. Brother Oran White is doing a great work as state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent. We are expecting Illinois to win, and the loyal band at Carriers Mills to top the list. Make room for us. We are coming up.

Anyone wanting to know more about our work, write to the undersigned or come and visit us. — Leonard Newton, pastor.

TUSCUMBIA, Ala.—God is blessing us at Sunnyside church. We say with David of old, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Our church is progressing nicely under the able leadership of our pastor, Brother Louie Tackett. We all appreciate Brother Tackett and family. We have our deed fixed now and are beginning to raise money to get our church completed.

Sunday when we began taking an offering it was wonderful the way God touched hearts. Not only saints gave, but sinners also were stirred and volunteered their pledges to help. We also ap-

preciate Brother Berryhill and family for their faithful efforts for the Lord in our community. We covet the prayers of all that Sunnyside church may rise and shine for God and His cause.—Miss Laverne Byrd, Rt. 2, Box 72.

Saints of God, Rejoice With Me

BINGER, Okla. — Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Just a word of praise from the Church of God at Binger, Okla. We, as a church, are rejoicing for the power of God and the way He is blessing here. Yes, we have had our trials and burdens but they are so little compared to the goodness of God we will just skip them and tell what God is doing here.

A week ago Sunday night three found their way to the altar and were saved. A few weeks ago one young man received the Holy Ghost. Sunday morning God blessed us all good. Sunday night the rain fell and the Spirit of the Lord came upon me and I preached a message in tongues and nine found the altar and were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. Saints of God, rejoice with me, the Lord is still on the throne and does hear His children.

We have a nice band of young people. Sister Kerbo is their leader; she is putting forth every effort she can to lead them to God. God bless her.

Our Sunday school is just another one of the best in this old world and is growing right along; there are new faces nearly every Sunday. Look out, with God's help Binger, Okla., is going over the top for Jesus.

Oklahoma has a real man of God for its overseer, Brother H. D. Williams. We, as a church, all love him.

Sister Stowers, are you discouraged? No, never! The word "defeat" we will not know. If God be for us who can be against us? Praise His dear name. I truly love Him this morning. I feel victory in my soul and have a greater determination than ever to go on and run the race with patience and fight the battle till Jesus comes or calls me home. All I need I find in Jesus. Dear saints at Baldwin Park, Calif., please pray for me and the revival here at Binger, Okla. To God we give all the glory and praise for what has been done here.—Rhene Viola Stowers.

New Church at Pondsides, Jam., B. W. I.

PONDSIDE, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear Evangel Readers, I am glad of the opportunity of telling you about our newly-organized church at Pondsides. It was organized a month ago with ten members, by our former pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas. Praise God for this new field.

On Sunday, November 30, we had our first baptism, at which time ten candidates were baptized. The baptismal sermon was preached by our overseer, Rev.

J. B. Camp. It was very touching and I can say each heart felt good to be here. Rev. G. A. Thomas, our present pastor, did the baptizing. Praise God for him.

At 11:30 we had our usual divine service, during which Rev. S. A. Pearson, our assistant overseer, delivered the message. Oh, brethren, his message was so interesting. I can assure you that message found a place in every believer's heart. After service Rev. J. B. Camp and Rev. S. A. Pearson left for Kingston.

At 7:30 we started our evening service. Believers from various districts, such as Claremont, Glens View, Mary Land and Elgin Town, were present, and we certainly had a wonderful time. Praise the Lord. Rev. G. A. Thomas preached the sermon. Six souls were saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church up to this present time. We are still anticipating a wonderful time.

Precious hearts, we desire your prayers that we may continue to work for Jesus and that this new field may be a blessing. Please pray much for our pastor that he may ever continue in winning souls for the kingdom.—Lynette Heywood, Claremont, Jericho P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I praise our Redeemer that I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I praise Him for His healing power.

I was washing November 24 and stuck a pin in my right thumb. The first of December it began paining me. The next day it was swollen pretty bad and I couldn't use my hand. Brother George Douglas was here at Spring Hill holding a meeting and the third day of December he prayed for me. The next morning I could use my hand and the swelling was almost gone.

We were all proud of the wonderful sermons he preached while here and hope he can come back again sometime. Pray for the little number at Spring Hill that we will always be found doing the Lord's will. Pray for me to stay true and for my children to be saved, also the community around here.

We have a nice Y. P. E. but they are all sinners. Pray that they will give their hearts to the Lord before it is too late.—Mrs. G. W. Dunn, Rt. 2.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Though the great crisis is on at our capital, the enemy is raging, trying to take the city, God is still on the throne and He still answers prayers. The Church of God is moving on with greater victory and more power than I have seen in Washington. Seekers are at the altar most every service. Several have been saved and sanctified recently. God blessed us by sending Brother and Sister Horton here. The people are cooperating with them and he is preaching

the power down. Brother Horton preaches in the old time way and it brings conviction to souls. We thank the Lord, also Headquarters, for favoring us with a good pastor and wife. South Carolina's loss is our gain. The Sunday school is progressing. A mission and orphanage play have been rendered by the young people and a good offering was taken in both plays for the orphans and missions. Today Brother Horton and others are to make a contract for a nice church building in the northeast, a nice section of this city. It will have Sunday school rooms, balcony and plenty of auditorium room. Surely everyone will be happy to know Washington is coming to the front. Keep praying that God's approval will continue on the work here and souls will find God. We would like to have Brother H. L. Whittington and trio here for a revival. The Lord willing, look for a full report in next issue of Lighted Pathway of the work here from Sister Cullers. Pray much for this city that God will keep it while in this crisis.—Pearl Auten, 1352 L St., S. E.

OUR PLEDGES

In view of the great need for world evangelism and the crisis that is now facing us, I feel that I should extend additional time for our solicitation for

pledges for at least another month.

Ministers, will you please make a special effort to give our people an opportunity to join in this great campaign for prayer? Surely this is a time when all should pray earnestly for God to direct us.—J. H. Walker.

YOUR EVANGELISTIC PLEDGES TO DATE

January 1, 1942

State	Laymen	Ministers	Total
Alabama	1,504	102	1,606
Arkansas	175	21	196
Arizona	87	2	89
Nebraska	5		5
California	160	18	178
Colorado	1	3	4
Connecticut		2	2
New Mexico	49	19	68
New Jersey	39	7	46
Maryland	152	21	173
Dist. of Columbia	16		16
Florida	1,375	146	1,521
Georgia	1,373	106	1,479
Washington	48	2	50
Illinois	684	41	725
Indiana	127	17	144
Iowa	64	12	76
Idaho	8	2	10
Kansas	135	9	144
Kentucky	583	53	636

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NEW PASTORIUM AT HAMILTON, OHIO



The church at Hamilton has recently purchased this new home for its pastor. It is strictly modern with hardwood floors, new furnace, front and back porch, nice back yard and garage. The value of the home is \$4,500. The pastor, Rev. James A. Stephens, and wife are seen standing on the front porch. This move speaks well for the church at Hamilton.

Reports of Revivals

WALHALLA, S. C.—I am thankful for our revival at Walhalla No. 2 Church of God. We were glad to have Brother J. C. Childers of Anderson, S. C., to preach two weeks, then the church continued it a few nights. There were seventeen saved, nine sanctified, two baptized, and five added to the church, for which we surely are grateful. They were all young people. We ask prayer for those who are not baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I, as pastor, truly love the Church and want to do my best as their shepherd. Put our church on your prayer list.—Rev. C. L. Hall, pastor, Rt. 2.

The Church of God at Wymore, Neb., is in a revival meeting with Sister Maud Vanderford doing the preaching. A good revival spirit is being shown and we expect to see many souls saved. Rev. Wilma Henry, our state overseer, and his family were here and helped us last Saturday and Sunday in the services and it was a great blessing to all who enjoyed hearing his good messages. This is his third trip to Wymore since he has been overseer of Nebraska. — Mrs. Goldie Kempf, clerk.

SOUTH CLEVELAND, Tenn.—We have just closed a very glorious and outstanding revival at the South Cleveland Church of God, conducted by Evangelist Betty Carrell, of Bloomington, Ind. Sister Carrell is only eighteen years of age but her messages were very inspiring and drew large attendance. Twenty-five were gloriously saved, eighteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and thirteen affiliated with the church, which included two ministers.

We appreciate our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R. Huff, who have been working so hard and faithfully here and have already accomplished a wonderful work.—Mrs. Thea F. Jones.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark. — We are still on the Lord's side. A revival has just closed here with two being saved. Our pastor, Rev. R. A. Garner, preached the first week and Rev. Shaw, pastor of the Sharpe Chapel church, preached the last two weeks. The Lord blessed the saints. We are encouraged to press on. We realize that the prize is at the end of the race. We have only a small church here at Haze Chapel and we have no church house, just a schoolhouse in which to worship the Lord, but the Lord seems at times to open heaven's windows and let the Holy Ghost power fall. Thank

God for the great Holy Ghost which abides now. I have been saved eleven years and the way gets brighter and happier each day, looking for Jesus soon to come. Remember us when you pray.—Mrs. R. G. Anderson, clerk.

Some said it couldn't be done. What? Have a revival at Myersdale, Pa. But we had a wonderful revival. Sixteen souls were saved, seven were sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. God most wonderfully met with and gave us a real outpouring of the Holy Spirit, for which we praise Him. Our Sunday school is growing, also our Y. P. E. is doing fine. We praise God for the unity and sweet fellowship which we have. Pray for us. We want to be led by the Spirit and do the will of God. We are looking for great things from God this year.—H. A. Helper, pastor, Rt. 2, Myersdale, Pa.

PARROTT, Va.—We wish to praise God for the truly wonderful way He has chosen to bless us here at Parrott, Va., in an old-fashioned revival. Rev. J. B. Holcomb, of Shorts Creek, Va., did the preaching, and may I say right here that he is a very capable and efficient minister, and proven worthy of his calling. There was a harvest of twenty saved, six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water and seven added to the church. Anyone desiring a revival would do well to secure the services of Rev. Holcomb, if possible. I heartily recommend him to all. Please pray much that God will continue to bless us here.—Rev. P. F. Taylor, pastor.

LIVE OAK, Fla.—We are glad to report a battle of victory over the devil at Live Oak, Fla. We have just closed a successful revival with thirteen saved, seven sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We have had much opposition but the great Deliverer as usual came on the scene and gave us a wonderful revival. The church was revived. We feel like pressing on and fighting harder to win the prize. Brother Ted Moore, of B.T.S., Sevierville, Tenn., conducted the revival. Pray for the church at Live Oak, Fla.—Houston Roberts.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va.—A revival was in session about four weeks, conducted in the courthouse. We had wonderful crowds. Rev. Edd Cox, pastor at McVeigh, Ky., was the evangelist. Our pastor is Rev. H. H. Tygart. God won-

derfully blessed souls with the good preaching Brother Cox gave out with the help of the Lord. There were about seventy-two experiences and ten added to the church. Pray for us.—W. B. Cassell, clerk.

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—The Church of God at Spring Hill is grateful to the Lord for the two weeks' revival just closed Sunday night, Dec. 14. Brother Geo. A. Douglas, of Cleveland, Tenn., did the preaching. We think he is a good man and did some wonderful preaching, also singing, and he had some fine music. We hope he gets to visit us again in the near future. His preaching was food to the soul.

We haven't a pastor here but we are asking God to bless and supply our needs. We do not desire to stop and sit down because we haven't a pastor; we continue our Sunday school and Y. P. E. We have a fine band of young people here. We are looking for God to bless and help us at Spring Hill. He said He would not leave or forsake us. There are not many members here but we are glad we are serving a God who can supply our needs. Bless His holy name.

We are glad for what He is to us all. He saved my soul from sin thirty-two years ago. Twelve years after that He sanctified me and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. We know there are many people who do not believe in that experience but it is right anyway. Bless His holy name! It is the Comforter which keeps us happy and free from sin, if we walk in the light of His Word.

I have a very urgent request and ask everyone who knows the worth of prayer to please pray for my children. I know the Lord does hear and answer prayer. We saw His healing power manifested during this revival. Please pray for us at this place.—Mrs. America Lafever, clerk.

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. Just a line to let you know God is surely blessing in Oklahoma. Brother Calvin Rogers has just closed a revival at the Church of God in Shawnee. There were sixteen saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. Brother Rogers will certainly be a blessing to your church. Pray for us at Shawnee.—R. S. Sullivan, pastor.

BENTON, Ill.—We praise the Lord for His goodness and His visitations with us each time we meet. The Lord is surely blessing our church, under the ministry of our esteemed Brother J. S. Barnard.

We closed a revival here recently. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We thank the Lord

for the revival spirit prevailing in our midst. Souls are being blessed and praying through to victory in most every service. Eleven joined the church a few weeks ago. We are looking forward to greater results, by the help of the Lord, throughout this year. While war is bordering on each side of our beloved country, threatening our freedom, we must look to our only refuge, Christ Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to safely lead us to victory. We are glad we can find a place of safety by abiding in the shadow of the Almighty, which gives us a determination in our hearts to press the battle on to the end.

Each department of our church is progressing nicely. The Sunday school and Y. P. E. are increasing, the financial obligations of the church are being taken care of very good. Now we give God the praise for all of this and may He continue to help us. Pray for us.—Mrs. Vernon Hawes, 705 N. Buchanan St.

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The Church of God at Short Mountain is happy to report a successful revival just conducted by Rev. Otis Smith and wife, pastor of the Black Oak church.

The church was packed every night and a large crowd was standing on the outside of the building. The Lord blessed in each service. There were twelve confessions to salvation, three to sanctification and two united with the church. We observed the communion and feet washing service on the last night of the revival. The saints are greatly encouraged to work more for the Lord.

Brother and Sister Smith rendered music and singing during each service, which was enjoyed by all present. We are expecting more blessings and better reports in the future from Short Mountain. Pray for us that we'll be faithful even until death.—B. S. Prescott, Memphis, Tenn.

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PERDIDO, Ala.—We thank God for victory in Jesus. The Lord has been good to us in the southern part of the State of Alabama.

We have just closed a great revival here at Perdido. God has blessed in many ways. Great crowds of every denomination near-by heard the full gospel preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. Many people were blessed. About twenty-six were saved, thirteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen added to the church. Rev. A. W. Mills, state evangelist of Alabama, did the preaching. Brother Mills is a good evangelist and can be a blessing to anyone's church if you can get him for a revival. Pray for us and our work here at Perdido that we may keep moving forward.—E. H. Thomas, pastor, Box 112.

BAYARD, W. Va. — I thank and praise God this morning for His many blessings to me. I praise Him for sending Brother Ernest Miller and family to us for the past Assembly year. I believe with all my heart if God ever did have His way in placing pastors, He surely placed Brother Miller in Bayard. So often, and much too often, God doesn't have His way in this business of placing pastors. I believe where God places the pastors, the church will be spiritually blessed.

We have just closed a revival, Brother Miller doing the preaching. Twenty-five were saved, five received the Holy Ghost and the whole church has been greatly revived. The Sunday school has been increasing in attendance; the Y. P. E. has taken on new courage and is preparing a good Christmas pageant. Brother Miller and family came to us from the The Brethren Church,—an old time preacher, bringing an old time gospel in its fullness under the power of the Holy Ghost, not compromising, not showing respect of persons, not concerned about what he has to eat or wear or a late model car to ride in, but greatly concerned about getting souls through to Jesus. This should be the desire of every one of God's servants. God has promised to take care of His people if we do His will. Are we doing His will? If so, we need not worry; God is still on His throne.

Dear saints, we are living in the last days. We need to work for souls as we have never worked before. Time is so short. The enemy is doing all he can to win souls for himself. Are we doing all we can to win souls for Jesus? We are coming to the close of another year, can we look back and hear Jesus say, "She hath done what she could"? He is coming, coming soon. Are we expecting Him? I pray the Lord will bind His people together in unity and love and that we will all work harder the next year, if Jesus tarries, than we have ever worked before for lost souls. I praise God again for our pastor and for all God's people everywhere. Pray that the church here will be a life-saving station.—Mrs. Chas. Best.

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FERNDAL, Mich.—We have just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist E. LuAnn Austin. Ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, nine were sanctified, ten saved, three added to the church, and three were converted in the last night's service. We closed the revival a week ago but the evangelistic spirit is still going strong.—F. J. Thibodeau, pastor.

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HAZE CHAPEL, Ark. — We are so thankful for the revival conducted by Rev. R. E. Shaw, our district pastor, who brought some good messages for the

past three weeks. Three claimed our Lord as their Savior, one was sanctified. We appreciated the good attendance and behavior and hope they will continue attending the services. We are interested in their souls.—Rev. R. A. Garner, pastor, Cherry Valley, Ark.

His Life Was Not Given in Vain For Me

PEORIA, Ariz.—I do praise God for His many blessings. I do not see how I could live without God. I know He can do without me but I can't do without Him. I do praise God for the day when He saved me and baptized me with the sweet Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. God did a wonderful job when He saved me and delivered me from the tobacco habit. Praise His dear name! I just want to do His blessed will and meet Him some day up in the skies.

I read the testimonies of the boys in the camps. I know that is a trial-testing place for them, but dear brothers, just remember Jesus had a trial too when He was here. He knew He had to die to save sinners but He didn't say, "I will not give my life for others." No, He went to the cross for you and me and, praise His good name, He never went there in vain for me.

I do thank God for Brother Rogers, and his wife, who was our pastor at Anadarko, Okla. They really showed me just what it meant to live for God. It didn't seem like I could get anywhere until they came there and pastored our church. They were so good to the members and helped them over rough places and God wonderfully blessed there last year. I truly thank God for such people.

I want all to pray for me that I will stay true to God. I have one son saved and he is living for God and has no desire to turn back. Just pray for me and Brother Clyde Ballard, that we will stay true to God.—Sister Alice White, Rt. 1. c/o Pugh's Store.

God Can Heal

CAMPAIGN, Tenn.—I thank the dear Lord for full salvation. Praise Him for His healing power. I have been in bad health for a long time. So many times the dear Lord has touched my body. Last night I was suffering so it seemed I could not live much longer but I just began calling on God and He touched me. I want each one to please pray for my complete healing. I am suffering from T. B., an inward goiter and other ailments. Unless God undertakes, it seems I can't bear it much longer. An anointed cloth would be greatly appreciated. I thank all who have prayed for me before. Pray that I will have more faith, also for my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. J. C. Blaylock.

My Sermonette

FLORENCE SCHUMAKER

"After that," Acts 1:8.

After what? "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." O beloved, if God would give me the power to make you understand what I understand; to make you feel what I feel, I'd run, jump, shout, until even the echo would reach the most hardened heart; until the doubter would be convinced and say, "This is that."

"After that" you are a new creature. You ask if whether anyone else does or not. The real you, the you with whom you live, is a new person. Behold, old things indeed have passed away and you are a new individual. Determine now to grow in grace daily. You are only a babe, 'tis true, but how a babe does grow! For the first time in your life such spontaneous praise has welled up within your bosom, from your innermost being, as you have never before experienced or imagined.

It was so easy when the final touch was given. It was as if oil were pouring through your lips. It was so wonderful you would not have foregone it for every penny in the whole world. This marvelous baptism in the Holy Spirit is "that" and a thousand times more.

And then, "After that." Where is that old temptation that stared you in the face? Where are the old worldly pleasures that you enjoyed so much? "After that" they truly are not there. Isn't God good? Isn't He wonderful! You can't find words or even thoughts high enough to express praise to Him for giving you this victory, this power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. You had almost despaired. Perhaps you had even said, "Well, God knows where I am and if He wants me to have the Holy Ghost, He can give Him to me." Dear readers, no one in all the world ever received Him with thoughts as these.

The greatest gift to the world since the ascension is the blessed Comforter whom the Father sent in His Son's name. We must desire Him, above all else. We must seek Him with our whole hearts, and all our mind, and all our strength. "When ye search for me with your whole heart, ye shall find me." We must hunger and thirst before we can be filled. We must get to the place that we feel that we surely shall die if He doesn't come in. That is the secret—die, die, die, not intending to resurrect the old life afterwards. Ah no, He knows the heart. You can't fool Him. Desire Him at the cost of life itself, if need be, and He will come in just as He promised.

When a satisfying meal has been eaten, we cannot impart that satisfaction to another. We can tell others that our stomach is full, but that wouldn't mean a thing to them. Thus we who have had our spiritual hunger satisfied cannot make the unfilled ones understand. In fact, we cannot even make but few hungry. God help us. Only He can do that. "No man cometh to the Father except the Holy Spirit draw him." Ask Him to draw you nearer to Him, of your own volition. Bow the knees, lift the arms heavenward like the lifting up of an evening sacrifice. "After that" — words fail me. Wrestle Jacob; "tarry until," and see what happens. "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

*Heavenly Father, now I pray
Give thy power just now today,
Power to come through Jesus' name,
Into this, my mortal frame.*

*I would live and work for thee,
But I'm weak as weak can be;
Fill me, Lord, with holy power,
Send me, Lord, a heavenly shower.*

*Spirit, come into my heart,
Set my life for thee apart,
Come into this mortal frame,
Now I pray in Jesus' name.*

*Emptied of all self I'd be,
Filled entirely, Lord, with Thee,
Pleading earnestly, I pray,
Hear and answer, Lord, today.*

Bible Training School and College Echoes

(Continued from page 7)

vation and the larger number of the students. We intend to pray until every student gets a deeper experience with the Lord. Oftentimes one will be somewhat discouraged, but by the time fifty girls have prayed down a blessing, that one will be receiving a better blessing than any of them. Even though we are in a place where we can get in touch with God at any time, we aren't out of reach of old Satan; He is our biggest enemy. But every temptation that we overcome gives us a closer walk with Jesus. The devil is ready on every hand to deceive us, but praise the Lord, we will not be tempted above that which we can bear. Satan never gets disgusted or discouraged. If he finds that he cannot win one of us, he will pick and nag at the others. Our determination is to defeat him, regardless of his ammunition or how hard the battle.

Many students are here by faith. Their trust is in God who said He would supply every need. Some know not from whence the next penny will come, but they believe it will come and come in time, for God is never too late. We have learned that if we obey God we can trust Him always. He has never failed and never

will.

I have had salvation a number of years and have received many blessings, but I have never received so many great blessings in the past as I have since being in B. T. S. this term. Something has been woven into my life that time itself can never take from my memory. My motto is: "The talent of success is doing all you can for God, then expecting all you can from God."—Mary Ratcliffe, Newbern, Va.

Old Time Fellowship Meeting

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo.—We praise God for an old time fellowship meeting which convened at Caruthersville, on the Big Island district. We had a large number with us. God blessed. Brother J. R. Linning brought the message. A mission offering of \$42.00 was taken. This is the fourth church on this district over the top with their mission quota, the other three being Parma, Little River and Vicksburg. God is blessing our fellowship meeting. The next one will be at Parma on January 2. Pray for the work in the State of Missouri.—E. E. Rhoades, Rt. 1, Box 236.

Your Evangelistic Pledges to Date

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State	Laymen	Ministers	Total
Louisiana	615	33	648
Maine	61	13	74
Massachusetts	19	1	20
Michigan	191	19	210
Mississippi	461	51	512
Missouri	158	25	183
Minnesota	39	10	49
Montana	45	4	49
North Carolina	693	43	736
North Dakota	75	6	81
South Dakota	131	3	134
Ohio	663	17	680
Oregon	1		1
Pennsylvania	204	20	224
South Carolina	1,292	104	1,396
Oklahoma	258	37	295
Tennessee	835	40	875
Texas	741	80	821
Virginia	627	40	667
West Virginia	1,031	60	1,091
Delaware	42	10	52
Wisconsin	3	3	6
Wyoming	7	2	9
Colored Work	106	26	132
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Mexico		3	3
Jamaica		3	3
Canada	8	1	9
Bahamas		2	2

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I Love to Trust Jesus

EPPS, La.—I thank God for His healing and keeping power. For the past sixteen years I have been trusting God for both soul and body. I have suffered quite a bit, have been at death's door, seemingly, several times.

Two years ago this fall I was very low. My loved ones had given me up. Saints from three different churches were coming and praying for me. One Sunday morning when they thought the end was near they called our daughter from B.T.S. I wasn't expected to live. They in B.T.S. were in service and all prayed for me. They were praying for me here too. God in His tender mercy came and took away every pain and ache. I took a breaking out on my face and sent in a request to the Evangel and the Lord healed my face.

I have been sick now for two weeks. The Lord has touched my body several times but I am not completely healed. Please pray that God will heal me completely. I am glad I can trust the Lord, not because I have to but because I love to. It is sweet to trust Jesus for our all and all.

I love the Church of God and her teachings. I think we will have to measure up to all her teachings if we make the rapture, for Jesus is coming after a church without spot or wrinkle, and if we leave out part of her teachings it will make spots and wrinkles, so, dear saints, let us all be loyal to her teachings for we all want to be in the rapture and miss the tribulation which will come on this old earth.

We had our state overseer, Brother Byrd, with us last week end. The church at Epps really enjoyed his message. We think we have a good overseer, also a good pastor, Brother Tom McCartney. He was with us last year. The church is in better unity than it has been for several years. The Lord sent him back again and we thank Him for him.

We are planning to build a new church. Pray that God will supply all our needs. We are just poor farming people around Epps, only a few of us, but we love the Lord and want our church to be one hundred per cent in everything, so remember Epps when you pray. I also have two loved ones who need God in their lives. Pray that God will save them before it is too late. Saints, I desire your prayers,

that I will be healed and that God will save loved ones.—Mrs. Melysa Burgess.

A Burning Testimony

From the very depths of my heart I am praising God for this blessed highway of holiness for the Church of God.

For twenty years I was a busy minister and evangelist in another large church. Ten years ago I was gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues according to Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6. At the same time God wonderfully and miraculously healed my body and made me every whit whole when no one had any hopes for me. Praise His holy name forever. Following this never-to-be-forgotten experience I lived and preached the Bible in the Church of God way, but I had no knowledge of such a church. I was like a fish out of water. But thank God, I have found the water now, waters to the ankles, waters to the knees, waters to the loins, waters to swim in. Ezek. 47. And I surely am swimming, making up for lost time. Joy unspeakable and the peace of God that passeth all understanding fills my soul.

After holding a number of revival meetings for Church of God ministers and enjoying a fellowship that was a foretaste of heaven itself, I was very unexpectedly called here to Bayard, West Virginia, to pastor the Church of God. I had booked revival meetings enough to keep me busy for a year, but after long prayer and waiting on the Lord, I was directed to accept the call to this work. I have now been here nearly three months. It is truly a foretaste of glory to work with these dear precious saints. We are now in the fourth week of a revival meeting which I am holding, or rather which the Holy Ghost is holding through the dear consecrated saints in Bayard. So far nineteen have been saved, eleven sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the revival is still sweeping on. Church attendance is building up by leaps and bounds, the Sunday school is mounting higher every Sunday, the Y. P. E. is going right over the top, and the Willing Workers are getting ready to scale the heights. At a recent healing service forty were anointed and eighteen handkerchiefs were anointed to be sent out. Two months ago one Evangel was coming to Bayard. Now there are nineteen subscribers and we are going to have thirty-five by Christmas. We are now

getting twenty-five Lighted Pathways, but beginning next month we will have fifty. If God wills, we will have special evangelistic services every Saturday night throughout the year. We want to keep up the revival flame. Groups of workers and singers and witnesses will go out from our church throughout the year to conduct services and the saints are eager to be on the firing line. The devil is going to have tough sailing around Bayard.

We have just bought a modern mimeograph and typewriter and are getting ready to publish a little paper called the Bayard Church of God Visitor.

This testimony would indeed be incomplete without mentioning the precious souls who showed me and led me into this blessed way, this sweet fellowship, this true Church. I will mention them in the order that they touched and influenced my life. Rev. Earl Marple, Brother Lester Marple, Rev. Elmo Jennings, General Overseer, Rev. J. H. Walker, whose loving, godly letters thrilled my soul, Brother Homer Schaffer, and Rev. Ray Rodeheaver. May the Lord add a special blessing to each one.—Ernest L. Miller, pastor.

STATESBORO, Ga. — I truly thank the Lord for healing my eyes. I had sore eyes so bad that I couldn't see. I had the saints at Hagan to pray and anoint my eyes and praise the Lord He healed me. I went home the next day and a hurting came in my side and back so bad I couldn't sit down, neither lay down. I began to think my time to go was near. Brother Carroll came here for a three nights' meeting. I went every night. My husband took a chair and a pillow for me to sit on. I had the saints pray for me and the Lord healed me. I praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I am feeling good in my soul. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and tilling me with the Holy Ghost and placing me in the dear old Church of God.

Praise the Lord for the Church of God at Oak Grove and Hagan where my husband is pastor. We have gone over the top with everything and we are praying for a revival to break out. We had a good service at Hagan Sunday night. Three were reclaimed and two saved and sanctified.—Mrs. Merlin S. Mitchell, Rt. 2.

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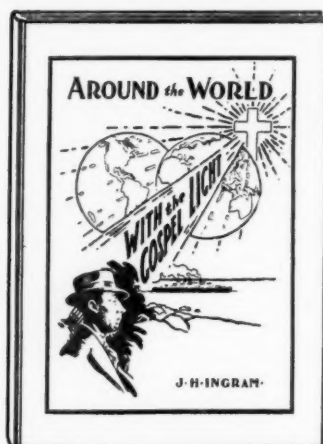
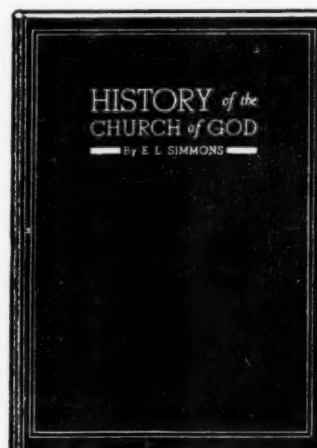
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